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SUBJECT: FY 1977 MILITARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) STATE 36160, (B) MEXICO 2313,

FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO PARA 6, REF A:

A. MEXICO IS NOT GRANT MATERIAL RECIPIENT AND REF B STATED THAT FMSCR FOR MEXICO CAN NO LONGER BE JUSTIFIED. HOWEVER, THERE IS REAL NEED FOR GRANT-AID TRAINING FOR MEXICO IN THAT THIS IS MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS WE PRESENTLY HAVE FOR MAINTAINING FAVORABLE ORIENTATION OF MEXICAN MILITARY LEADERSHIP TOWARD U.S. I AM CONVINCED, AND MY COUNTRY TEAM CONCURS, THAT THIS FAVORABLE ORIENTATION OF LEADERSHIP WITHIN MEXICAN MILITARY IS DUE IN GOOD MEASURE TO LONG TRADITION OF TRAINING BASED ON U.S. MODEL OR ACTUALLY CARRIED OUT UNDER U.S. AUSPICES. SINCE MEXICO IS NOT GRANT MATERIAL RECIPIENT AND HAS NEVER USED FMSCR, THERE IS NO INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF U.S. MILITARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE.

B. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY THIRD COUNTRY MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO. GOM DOES MAKE THIRD COUNTRY PURCHASES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AS EVIDENCED BY RECENT PURCHASES FROM THE UK, ISRAEL, FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND.

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C. MEXICO RECEIVES VIRTUALLY NO BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

FROM U.S. BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES IS MINIMAL AS BEST WE KNOW. HOWEVER, MEXICO REQUIRES SUBSTANTIAL CAPITAL TRANSFERS FROM REST OF WORLD. EXIMBANK PROVIDES PORTION OF THESE AS DO WORLD BANK AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK. WHILE CAPITAL PROVIDED BY THESE INSTITUTIONS IS WELL BELOW 50 PERCENT OF TOTAL LONG-TERM CAPITAL INFLOWS IN RECENT YEARS, MOST OF WHICH COMES FROM PRIVATE CAPITAL MARKETS, IT IS NONETHELESS ESSENTIAL. VIRTUALLY ONLY SOURCE FOR LOANS WITH MATURITY OVER FIVE YEARS AT PRESENT TIME IS IFI'S. WHILE BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IS MINIMAL, THAT PROVIDED THROUGH IFI'S AND EXIMBANK PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY IN RURAL AREAS, THAT MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE BE UNDERTAKEN.

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